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DAILY WORKER COMPELLED TO MOVE; NEEDS FUNDS

JAPAN PLANS TO SEIZE SHANTUNG; RUSHES TROOPS

Strikes and Boycotts Spread in South

TOKYO, May 7.—A new move on the part of Japan to seize the Province of Shantung was seen today when the General Staff and high officials in the army and navy departments submitted the proposal that Japanese troops occupy all of the railways in the province and the city of Tsinan.

In addition to ordering 2,700 troop reinforcements to Tsinan, 19 destroyers were ordered from various naval bases to Tsingtao. General Kazushige Ugaki, former Minister of War, has been appointed commander-in-chief of the whole Shantung expeditionary force, which is expected to exceed 13,000 men.

SHANGHAI, May 7.—With the observance of the thirtieth anniversary of the Japanese 21 demands today, the strikes and boycotts which have been launched throughout southern China to protest against Japanese encroachment in Shantung are taking on a more determined character.

Even the Nanking Government which at first attempted to prevent strikes and boycotts for fear that they might take the form of a protest against the Kuomintang as well as against Japanese imperialism, is encouraging the boycott. The Nanking government is admittedly more under the influence of the United States than under that of Japan.

Police are carefully patrolling the city in preparation for the general strike which will be launched today. Although the authorities finally consented

NEARING COLUMN BEGINS TOMORROW

Communist Writer Will Contribute Feature

The first regular feature column by Scott Nearing, noted Communist speaker and writer, begins in THE DAILY WORKER tomorrow. It will appear daily and will frequently be illustrated by appropriate photographs.

Nearing in his articles will discuss current economic problems, comment on the news and contribute historical sketches.

The acquisition of Nearing's department is the first step in providing new and lively features for the readers of THE DAILY WORKER. It will be followed by others, all aimed to increase the influence of the paper among the American workers.

17 MISSING AS VESSEL SINKS

Crew of 47 Imperilled by Crash

Seventeen members of the crew of 47 of the government dredge Nevasink were missing late yesterday after it was rammed and sunk in the Narrows in a collision with the tanker Swinburn, off Stapleton, L. I.

Nineteen members of the crew swam ashore, a distance of a quarter of a mile. Others were picked up by lifeboats sent out by the liner Adriatic and the liner Caronia and are now in various hospitals where they are being treated.

The sunken scow had been dredging the narrows a half mile from pier 19, and had a heavy cargo of wet sand at the time of the accident.

Negro Women Organize

A meeting to organize Negro women workers into unions was held at the headquarters of the Community Progressive Painters' Union, a Negro organization at 149 W. 136th St. The question of securing a living wage and improved working conditions for Negro working women was the topic of discussion.

Senators Wax Humorous at Fund Hearing

WASHINGTON, May 7.—It takes a good pre-election scandal like the Sinclair case to reveal the real extent and nature of campaign funds. And even then only part of the story is told.

Today a battalion of presidential aspirants paraded up to the witness stand at the senate's presidential campaign funds inquiry and vehemently declared that they were running their campaigns on an alleged financial shoestring.

Presidential timber of every brand, all differing somewhat in floral trappings, but all essentially owned by the financial oligarchy, rolled up to the stand. The senatorial aspirants who testified, if laid end to end, would reach from Wall Street to the White House.

Senator Goff, die-hard republican from West Virginia, testified that he had spent \$60; Norris, republican senator from Nebraska that he had spent \$6; Senator George, democrat from Georgia that he had spent \$75. Other performers were Senators Borah, Hitchcock, Walsh.

The next time something like the Sinclair scandal crops up, American workers may get a little information about expenditures in the 1928 campaign.

POLICE, SIGMAN BAR DELEGATES

Workers' Leaders Kept from Convention

BOSTON, Mass., May 7.—A concentration of over 200 police placed at the disposal of the reactionary Sigman and Breslau clique in control of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union here, refused to permit the delegation from the New York Joint Board to enter the convention to represent the tens of thousands of cloak and dress-makers whose confidence they have.

When the delegation, which was led by Louis Hyman, Joint Board manager, Joseph Borachovich and Rose Wortis, reached the hall and presented their credentials to the police guard massed around the doors, they were informed that instructions had been issued by the right wing officialdom to keep out of the hall all but the machine followers of the two union-wrecking cliques, namely, that of Morris Sigman, president, and that of the contender for the presidency, B. Schlesinger.

Stopped by Police. Hundreds of the Boston union membership had accompanied the Joint Board delegation when they went to the convention hall. The entire delegation, together with the hundreds of workers escorting them, on reaching the hall were met with the police order to "move on." Even members in good standing of the Boston cloak-makers' union were refused permission to enter as spectators of the convention of their own organization.

After marching up and down before the hall several times, the delegation together with the hundreds of cloak makers who had collected, marched to a mass meeting held in the Paine Memorial Hall. There, they were greeted by an enthusiastic ovation from the thousands of Boston cloak-makers attending the meeting.

At the fake convention which opened about 10 in the morning, the two cliques in control, while united in their aim to keep off the convention floor all signs of the protest of the

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'FREE GORDON!' IS DEMAND

52 Youth Organizations Join Campaign

The immediate and unconditional release of David Gordon, 18-year-old member of the Young Workers (Communist) League, now serving a three-year sentence in the City Reformatory at New Hampton was demanded yesterday by the executive committee of the Youth Committee for Miners' Relief, representing 52 youth organizations of this city.

Gordon was convicted for writing the poem "America" that appeared in the March 12, 1927, issue of THE DAILY WORKER. It was used as a pretext by several patriotic organizations in efforts to crush the paper.

New Bedford Pickets Balk Attempt to Reopen Plants

NOT ONE WORKER BREAKS RANKS IN BIG MILL STRIKE

Mayor of New Bedford Raps Children Clubs

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., May 7.—As on the previous Monday the attempt of several mills to reopen their gates after an invitation to the strikers to return, resulted in a complete failure to disturb the solidarity of the ranks of the 30,000 workers fighting against the owners of 58 cotton mills who tried to cut wages 10 per cent last April 16. After keeping open several hours the mills acknowledged defeat and again closed their doors.

The great majority of the textile factories did not attempt to reopen, knowing the uselessness of such an attempt. But the attempted opening of several of the mills here is generally acknowledged to be a maneuver of the mill owners' association, even though members of this body have repeatedly denied any desire to "resume operations."

Organize Children's Clubs. The successful organization of children's strike clubs is proving a more powerful factor in upholding the moral of the strikers, than was thought possible. Not only are the children taught to support their parents' fight against the mill owners, but they actively participate in the daily picket demonstrations, which have been the main cause of keeping

PREDICT OTIS WILL BE CHOSEN

Progressive Unionist Is Popular

(Special to THE DAILY WORKER) PITTSBURGH, May 7.—John S. Otis, well-known progressive trade unionist of this city, is expected to be elected to the office of president of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor in the convention which is to be held tomorrow at Philadelphia. Sentiment for Otis has been growing since the resignation of James H. Maurer.

Otis is receiving the support of the Progressive Trade Union Committee which has been active in the campaigns here to improve union conditions.

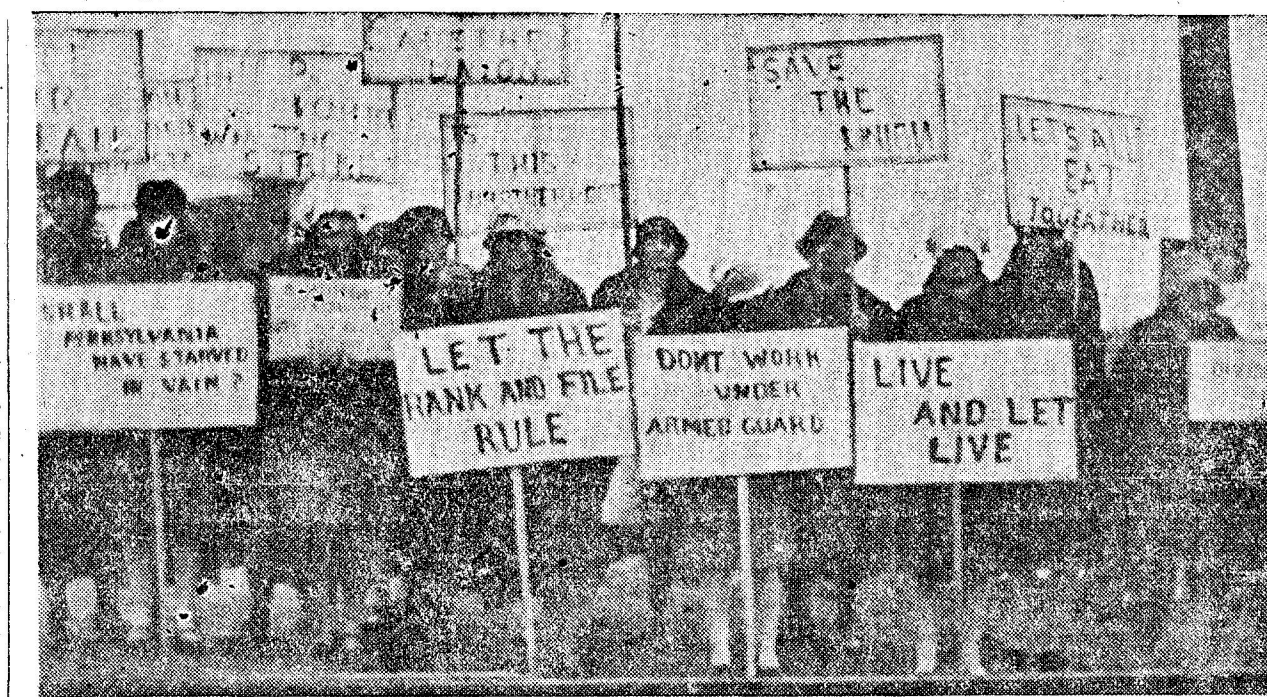
Otis has been a delegate to the Central Labor Union from the Machinists for the past six years. At the American Federation of Labor convention last year Otis was almost the only delegate who fought for progressive policies.

NASSAU JAIL FILLED. ALBANY, N. Y., May 7.—Due to the increase of prisoners in the Nassau County Jail, Correction Commissioner Kennedy today recommended that the male hospital and detention rooms be remodelled so as to provide room for 14 more cells.

NOBILE AT SPITZBERGEN. CORDOVA, Alaska, May 7.—The dirigible Italia was at Spitzbergen today after a hop from Vadsoe, Norway, on the Nobile expedition to the North Pole, according to a radio message intercepted by the government wireless station here.

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Illinois Miners' Wives Who Fight Side By Side With Men



The above picture shows a group of miners' wives at O'Fallon, Illinois. In spite of the increased terrorist activity of the coal company thugs, Ku Klux Klan and gate troopers, these women have streamed out to mass picket the mines which the coal barons are attempting to re-open with scab labor.

MASS PICKETING DESPITE MILITIA

Injunctions Also Fail to Stop Miners

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, May 5 (By Mail).—Mass picketing will continue here despite the strike-breaking activities of the state police who have instituted a virtual reign of terror. Even the indictments against 25 men and five women because of violations of injunctions against picketing will not stop the miners.

Break Line. A mass picketing line of more than two hundred men and women in front of the Florence mine of the Y. & O. Coal Company near here was dispersed Thursday evening, May 3, by a detachment of Ohio National Guardsmen who were summoned by the superintendent of the mine. Threatened with violence and a repetition of the wholesale arrests which took place in St. Clairsville two weeks ago, the miners and their wives dispersed when ordered to do so by the militia.

A mass meeting of several hundred miners in St. Clairsville was also disrupted as a result of the National Guard activity on the picket line in front of the Florence Mine.

Mass picketing in Ohio which has not lost intensity since its beginning on April 1, took on a new importance today with the publication of the news that the federal grand jury at Steubenville, Ohio had returned indictments against 25 men and five women on charges of violating injunctions which forbid mass demonstrations in front of or near mines. The 30 indictments were returned out of a total of 125 asked against individuals by authorities in this vicinity. All were charged with verbal and physical abuse of mine guards and non-union miners.

Jailed for Poem on U. S.



David Gordon, 18-year-old member of the Young Workers (Communist) League and former schoolship student at the University of Wisconsin is now serving an indeterminate term of three years in the New York Reformatory for having written a satirical poem "America" which annoyed the judges of the Court of Special Sessions.

ILLINOIS MINERS WILL OUST MACHINE MAY 19

(Special to THE DAILY WORKER) BELLVILLE, Ill., May 7.—Local Union 128, of District 12, Illinois, yesterday elected five delegates to the special district convention called by the Save-the-Union Committee here for May 19 at 10 a. m. The movement against the Lewis-Fishwick machine which began with the return of the delegates from the April 1 Pittsburgh conference and which has been gathering momentum ever since is rapidly coming to a climax.

Movement Spreads. The elections of delegates yesterday by local 128 followed a similar election held last week by local 705 at which the miners completely routed the Fishwick machine and chose seven delegates to the Bellville conference.

The call for the special district convention was sent out to all local unions and was addressed to the rank and file of district 12. After a detailed account of the situation in the miners' union in which it is shown that the separate agreement policy of the Lewis-Fishwick machine has resulted in the weakening of the strike and the threatened defeat of the Penn-Ohio miners, the call urges all locals to elect delegates to the rank and file convention to be held May 19. The call is signed by over one hundred of the best known and most trusted fighters in the miners' locals of district 12 from every section of the state.

Oust the Traitors. The purpose of the convention will be to work out a program to meet the deep crisis which has been brought upon the union by the incompetence and corruption of the Lewis-Fishwick machine, to place the union into the hands of the rank and file and to remove the bankrupt and dishonest officials who are working together with the operators to destroy the union as was shown in the case of Oral Daugherty president of

IGNORE HEALTH REGULATIONS. A survey of candy factories in New York, conducted by the Consumers' League, discloses that of 25 factories visited only three required the legally prescribed food handlers' card from workers on entering employment while in 10 factories the workers were never given medical examinations.

PLAN BIG ELECTION DRIVE To Place Communist Ticket in South

Hundreds of thousands of workers will give close attention to the proceedings of the National Nominating Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party to be held in New York on May 25 to 27. For the first time they will see a great national political gathering which was assembled not merely to nominate candidates for president and vice-president of the United States of America, but planning to aid the struggle of the workers on strike and

the unorganized and to improve the conditions of Negroes, youth, women and children. To Hold Demonstration. The delegates to the convention will be greeted with mass demonstration by the workers of New York, at Mecca Temple, 133 West 55th Street on Friday evening, May 25 at which numerous delegates who have never yet appeared on a public platform in New York

\$5,000 REQUIRED FOR PAYMENT OF MOVING EXPENSES

New Building to Mean Saving in Rent

The removal of THE DAILY WORKER from the building at 33 First St., where it has been published during the past year, to the new Workers' Center at 26-28 Union Sq. has become a matter of imperative necessity if our paper is to continue to live. It is now a question of whether the workers of this country will respond with the funds necessary to effect this change of quarters, which will enable the paper to make use of the cheaper facilities necessary for its existence. It is admitted that THE DAILY WORKER cannot continue publication unless the change to the cheaper basis is made.

The DAILY WORKER has been published under almost unbelievable conditions, affecting every department of the paper. THE DAILY WORKER is compelled to move. To attempt to continue longer in the present building would be suicidal.

Money Needed at Once. Five thousand dollars is needed at once. This will be just barely sufficient to pay for the moving expenses and enable the improvements in the new DAILY WORKER to be made. The advantages of the new building are not merely physical, which would be reason enough for moving. The new building will actually mean a saving of cost of production for THE DAILY WORKER. It will also make possible the installation of the many improvements that are contemplated in order to make the Daily a more powerful weapon of the American workers in their struggles against their enemies both without and within the ranks of labor.

Will Emerge from Obscurity. By moving to the Workers' Center on Union Square, THE DAILY WORKER will emerge from its obscurity, its separation from the center of workingclass activities. Show what THE DAILY WORKER means to you by filling out the attached coupon and mailing it with as large a contribution as possible to the office of the Daily, 33 First St., New York City.

Five thousand dollars. This should be a small sum for the thousands of class-conscious American workers to raise. It is a small sum in return for a better DAILY WORKER—a DAILY WORKER that will be eight columns instead of seven, that will have a modern international news service, bringing all the latest news from every part of the world. These are only two of the many improvements that will be made possible by the removal to the new building.

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NEGROES PROTEST VETERAN ACTION

James Weldon Johnson, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peoples has found reason to send a sharp note to the medical director in Washington of the U. S. Veteran's Bureau protesting against race discrimination.

"Unless this policy is discontinued we shall place facts in the hands of such members of congress as may be interested in the situation, as well as in the possession of newspaper editors throughout the country."

Suppress Communists

BOGOTA, Colombia, May 7.—A law that would be used to suppress the Communist Party has been introduced in the senate. It has been the cause of sharp debate on the senate floor.

SEVEN NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL STUDENTS TO GO ON TOUR FOR "DAILY WORKER"

Seven members of the National Students Training School of the Workers School are leaving next Monday to begin a subscription tour for The DAILY WORKER. They will make

a thorough canvass of the states of New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts. These seven students, who have spent the past few months in combining the theoretical study of the class struggle with active participa-

tion in that struggle, will now be called on to give further evidence of their ability to lead the fights of the American workers. The tour that they will make to secure subscriptions for The Daily Worker will be an effort to bring to greater sections of the Amc-

can workingclass the newspaper that is their personal organ and is essential to them in their numerous struggles. Thousands of workers of New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts will be reached in the course of this

tour. "All members of the Workers Party in these three states," declared A. Ravitch, circulation manager of The DAILY WORKER yesterday, "and all other class conscious workers should do everything possible to help these seven National Training

School students in their efforts to extend the influence of The DAILY WORKER. These three states are among the most highly industrialized in the country, with consequent intensive exploitation of the workers. Now more than ever do these workers need

the newspaper that fights for them all the time. Every class conscious worker of New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts should head the appeals of these seven workingclass students and subscribe at once to The DAILY WORKER."

Mill Committees, New Textile Union Type, Form Fast in New England

ONLY PERMANENT ORGANIZATION OF CLOTH MAKERS

Mill Committees Strike Heads Popular

By HARVEY O'CONNOR. NEW BEDFORD, Mass., May 7 (FP).—Textile mill committees, which have sprung up in various parts of New England since last winter, have taken firm hold in New Bedford, following the strike of 30,000 workers against a 10 per cent wage reduction. The mill committees represent a new departure in efforts to organize American workers. They are completely independent of existing unions and, according to officials, have new concepts and tactics in textile organization.

In New Bedford, the mill committees have organized a strike committee of 27 members, representing most of the big mills. In neighboring Fall River, committees have been organized in 15 mills, according to W. T. Murdoch, youthful Scottish weaver who is New England secretary.

Mill Units Best Form. Organization by mills better fits new trends in the textile industry than does craft organization, Murdoch argues. Craft organization in New Bedford has produced unions composed almost wholly of the skilled, he declares. The unskilled masses, difficult in any case to place in unions, feel themselves out of the picture completely under present craft forms. In addition craft distinctions are breaking down as automatic machinery becomes more prevalent.

The textile mill committees believe, in the present demoralized state of the textile industry, that complete and effective organization will not be possible for years. Existing unions have been losing ground since 1921 they point out, as mill after mill slips away from trade union control.

The committees propose a flexible, mobile organization of the most active workers in each mill. Arguing from experience in other industries, and particularly in French textiles, they assert that such committees, effectively led, will mobilize the confidence and enthusiasm of unorganized workers in strikes and demonstrations. As the committees grow stronger, closer organization will be possible. But for the present espionage and workers' fear of losing their jobs through agitating keep thousands out of the unions who would be willing to follow an aggressive committee's lead, concludes Murdoch.

National Body. Textile mill committee organizers are active in New England, Pennsylvania and the south, says Murdoch. Within two or three months a national convention will be held, either in New York or Providence. From New Bedford, they hope to spread the fine cotton goods' strike to nearby Taunton and Fall River, and to fine goods mills in the Pawtucket and Blackstone Valleys of Rhode Island.

The committees' right hand in the New Bedford strike is the Workers' International Relief, which is opening kitchens and grocery stores. W. I. R. promises to play an invaluable service in keeping hitherto unorganized strikers from returning to the mills. The much-heralded citizens' committee, which was to give food to unorganized workers while the unions cared for their own members, has raised only \$400 in addition to the \$1,000 given by the textile unions.

Cossacks Beat Up 4 Picketing Salina, Pa. Mine

(By a Worker Correspondent.) SALINA, Pa., (By Mail).—Please publish these few words in The DAILY WORKER. On May 2, we were going to have a mass picketing at the Coehern Mine, at Salina, in the Kiski Valley. There were 110 of us, men, women and children. We were carrying American flags with us as well as signs and placards. The cossacks took these from us, and also the American flags, and threw them on the ground and trampled on them. Four men were beaten up, two seriously. That shows how much they really think of and care for the American flag. The strikers are 100 per cent out in Brownstown. We hope to get the Coehern miners out 100 per cent, too.

Unemployed Makeshift



Unemployment has reached such staggering proportions in the United States that Thomas J. Langfitt, postmaster at Washington, Pa., has instructed the clerks to list the names of those applying for jobs at his office. This is another of the makeshifts by which the bosses endeavor to cloak their real indifference to the sufferings of the unemployed and the causes of their suffering.

TEXTILE PICKETS KEEP MILLS SHUT

Balk Attempt to Reopen Several Plants

(Continued from Page One) the gates of the factories closed tight. Now that the officialdom of the American Federation of Textile Operatives, has openly declared itself opposed to the organization of children, the local city politicians led by Mayor Ashley, has made statements to the press denouncing the organization of children. The mayor refused to grant the application of the Textile Mill Committees, under whose auspices the children's clubs were formed, to obtain the use of several city playgrounds for meetings.

Hundreds Join Clubs. Elizabeth Donneley, organizer for the relief station of the Workers' International Relief, who is also the leader of the children's groups, declares that in spite of all opposition hundreds of children are joining the clubs daily. Classes on the reasons for the strike and don unionism are being held daily, as are the general meetings where the children are taught strike songs.

The Girl Scouts of America sent a special emissary to the headquarters of the Mill Committees, where the children meet, to request Elizabeth Donneley to cease organizing the children for the picket line and in support of the strike. Miss Hall, the Girl Scout representative, in an interview with the local papers later, admitted that she questioned each child in the strike headquarters as to whether he would rather be elsewhere than at the meeting, and had received a negative reply from each. Miss Donneley seems to have the confidence of every child even though she is only 22 years old, said the Girl Scout agent, who has been working in that organization for over twenty years.

KANSAS YOUTH TO HOLD MINE MEET

KANSAS CITY, May 7.—The conference called for the formation of the Kansas City Young Peoples' Miners' Relief Committee is meeting with great success.

Altho the calls were sent out less than a week ago, more than twenty organizations have sent in their credentials and others are to elect delegates this week. Among the organizations which have sent in their credentials are the Journeymen Tailors' Union and the industrial clubs of the Y. W. C. A.

The conference which is to be held on Sunday, May 13th at the Linwood christian church will be addressed by Mr. Wm. Cook, the organizer of the Cooks' Union and Mr. W. E. Totten, the organizer of the Kansas City division of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Two young striking miners from the Kansas strike field will also address the conference.

The Initiative Committee together with the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters has arranged to show the moving picture "Passaic" on Thursday, May 17th, at the Lincoln Hall. All proceeds will be divided between the striking miners and the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Are you a "DAILY WORKER" worker daily?

NATIONAL GUARD STOP RELIEF TO MINE STRIKERS

Strike Breaking Move Fails

(Special to The DAILY WORKER) ST. CLAIRSVILLE, Ohio, May 7.—Due to a "lack of funds," the Ohio National Guard will discontinue its work of relief among the children of striking miners in Eastern Ohio after May 15, according to an announcement made by Adjutant-General Frank Henderson.

Real Purpose Revealed. The announcement that the "relief" work will stop follows the revelation of the state militia in its true light which took place two weeks ago when Colonel Don Caldwell in command of the National Guard here tricked fifty-one women pickets into the Belmont county jail after they protested against the arrest of five of their leaders.

The National Guard established kitchens where they dispensed food to school children last January 23 following a proclamation ordering such kitchens which was issued by Governor A. V. Donahey, who is considered to be quite a large stick of presidential timber in democratic circles. A small state appropriation was made for opening several of the kitchens. The period at which the kitchens were opened coincides with the period at which intensified mass picketing started in the Eastern Ohio strike region.

Real Reason. The discontinuance of relief has come at the moment when the coal operators have been forced to realize that the move to break the strike by this method had utterly failed.

Sheriff Hardesty of Belmont county, who caused the arrests at Lansing and at St. Clairsville, in speaking of the mass picketing carried on by the miners following the arrests, said to reporters, "I intend to put a stop to this business if it takes all summer. I'm quite certain that the National Guard will cooperate with me."

Recent testimony of a representative of Ohio mine operators revealed that numerous Ohio mines had complete arsenals stored away on the mine premises and ready for instant use in case mine authorities deemed it necessary. The munitions included tear gas, machine guns, riot guns, rifles, pistols, and sky rockets for use at night.

Rank and File Work. No special agents are sent into the field to distribute aid by the National Miners' Relief Committee. Rank and file administration committees are elected from each local. These committees receive and distribute the shipments of food which are consigned from the office of the National Miners' Relief Committee to each local union. The two carloads of flour and staple foods sent to Eastern Ohio by the committee two weeks ago was apportioned among 45 local unions by representatives from each local.

The withdrawal of its relief by the Ohio National Guard will immediately intensify the necessity for food in the affected strike territory. Closing of schools, another reason offered by the militia for the discontinuance of its relief activity, will leave thousands of children facing conditions near actual starvation unless food is immediately and regularly sent them.

BOSSSES SMASH WAGES THRUOUT U. S.

Militant Organization Is Vital Need of Starving Workers

By SCOTT NEARING. (Fed. Press). "SURE they are glad to work for 35 cents an hour. Many of them are waiting for a chance to step in and take a job at any price."

Detroit, the Motor City; center of much-heralded prosperity. The man speaking conducts an employment office for Negro labor.

A few months ago unskilled Negro workers in Detroit received 45 to 55 cents an hour. Today they are standing in line for jobs at 35 cents.

"What else can they do?" demanded my informant. "Would you have them starve? Some of them have been out of work for 5 and 6 months. They have families. 35 cents is better than nothing!"

Mass Picket Lines Encircle Reopened Mines



Hundreds of coal miners thruout the Illinois district are on the mass picket lines as the big companies are attempting again to operate the mines with scab labor. The coal bosses working hand in glove with the corrupt union machine, have met the picketing with arrests and terror. The above picture shows miners from the picket line at the St. Louis mine, O'Fallon, Ill.

BOSTON POLICE BAR DELEGATES

Cloak Convention Fake, Say Workers

(Continued from Page One) rank and file, are preparing to fight each other for complete control of the hulk that was once a powerful International union.

The fascist boss of the so-called pressers' union in New York, Breslau, who is the commander-in-chief of Schlesinger's fight for the presidency, was busy making statements to the press that Schlesinger will run for office even if their referendum resolution falls through.

The "referendum" was demanded by the Schlesinger-Breslau gang because Sigman, seems to be in control of a majority of the fake delegates here, hoping that by taking the election of the president off the convention floor Sigman may be beaten. It is apparent, however, that Sigman has used his usual methods of obtaining majorities, and will order this resolution beaten. A fight is also expected tomorrow when the credential committee brings in its recommendation. The Breslau gang will seek to wrest control from Sigman, by challenging the "validity" of some of Sigman's "delegates."

Hyman's Statement. In a statement issued yesterday Louis Hyman, leader of the left wing delegation, declared that the delegation is determined to carry out the instruction given them by tens of thousands of cloakmakers whom they represent. These instructions are that in the event that the cliques in control of the convention refuse to permit the honestly elected representatives of the workers to participate in the convention, and to rebuild the union, the left wing leaders are instructed to immediately begin to lay the basis for the rebuilding of the union shattered by the right wing.

All contributions should be addressed now to the National Miners' Relief Committee, 611 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dressmakers Hard Hit By Moral Wave



A recent decree of the Hungarian minister of education prohibits high school girls from wearing anything but long skirts and high necks. The dresses are all uniform.

This wave of morality sweeping the wicked high schools has bowled over the Budapest dressmakers and left them gasping. It means that they will be deprived of making about 50,000 new dresses this year, with the loss of thousands of dollars.

The suffering dressmakers are organizing a protest movement and have decided to send a deputation to the premier and the minister of education, requesting that the skirts of high school girls be shortened and necks lowered to save the industry.

CRAFT IDEOLOGY HITS CIGAR UNION

CHICAGO, (FP) May 7.—Automatic machinery and trust distribution of cigars on a national scale are responsible for the desperate position of the union cigarmakers in Chicago. From making 20 per cent of the cigars smoked in Chicago in 1918, organized shops in the city now make barely 3 per cent of the 2,000,000 required. Non-union local shops are making 4 per cent and the remaining 93 per cent come from out of town, mostly from the eastern cities where the automatic cigar machine is at its highest development. A battle of extermination is being directed from Philadelphia against the 500 organized cigarmakers that still find employment in Chicago. There were 3500 employed in 1918, according to organizer Frank Wilson of the union.

Behind this crisis lies the former craft exclusiveness of the international union, abandoned too late to cope successfully with the mechanization of the industry.

STARVING MINERS JOINING STRIKE



At the Vesta No. 8 mine of the Jones and Laughlin Company, in Greene county near Bobtown, Pa. loaders are receiving \$1.45 per car. The cars have an average capacity of five tons. Their dimensions are ten feet in length and six feet in width, with a three-foot depth. Some men working at an almost inhuman speed in the effort to earn a living wage load as many as nine cars daily. Day men receive six dollars a day. Seven hundred are employed at Vesta No. 8

At the Moffet-Sterling mine at Point Marion, 70 cents is the pay for leading a two and a half ton car with unscreened coal. Day men receive only four dollars and helpers are paid three dollars and sixty cents.

50c for 3 Tons! At the Maple Sterling mine of the Dunkird Coal Company, fifty cents is paid for three tons. In the Brown Hill mine of the Brown Hill Coal Company day men are paid only three dollars and sixty cents per day. The coal is mined under such difficult conditions that in order to earn more than the price of their blasting powder the miners are forced to work twelve hours a day. Fifty-four cents is the price paid for two tons of coal which must be dug with a pick where it cannot be cut at the Brown Hill Mine—Greene county.

And a Cut. A cut at the Fancy Hill mine two weeks ago, reduced the wages of day men from five dollars to four and a half dollars. Twenty-four dollars a week is the average pay received by non-union miners in the Point Marion district in Greene county. Following the wage cut at the Fancy Hill mine deputy sheriffs were placed on duty in anticipation of possible dissatisfaction on the part of the men. Deputy sheriffs have been threatening summary arrest of any person whom they suspect of organization activity among the non-union miners.

General Electric unskilled at Chenectady who were receiving 45 cents to 57 cents an hour are now going to work at from 37 cents to 45 cents per hour, with piecework established throughout the entire plant and many of the piecework rates cut.

Unskilled workers in the United States are generally unorganized. Today hundreds of thousands of them are out of work. They and their families are alike suffering. Since there is no organization to hold them steady, they are tearing one another to pieces for jobs and driving the wage rates for unskilled labor below the subsistence level.

Non-Union Agency for Seamen Kept by Senate

WASHINGTON, May 7 (FP).—Without a rollcall, the U. S. senate voted on Friday to withdraw its amendment to the independent offices appropriations bill that would abolish the sea service bureau of the shipping board. Andrew Furuseth, for the International Seamen's Union of America, had appealed to Martin Madden, late chairman of the house appropriations committee, to abolish this bureau, which has been useless and has had no legal status since the war. The board has kept it alive. While pretending to train young men

TO PLACE TICKET OF COMMUNISTS IN SOUTHERN STATES

250 Delegates Expected at National Meeting

(Continued from Page One) York will be the chief speakers. To Break Into South.

For the first time in the history of the workingclass movement a determined attempt will be made to break into every state in the country. Such states as Alabama, Arizona, New Mexico, Georgia, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, etc. will be represented by delegations of workers, who can be expected to return to their states enthused by the prospect that at last a real attempt is to be made to rouse the workers of the south and instill them with the spirit to carry out the tasks of the Party, preparatory to the coming of its campaign speakers and organizers.

To Cover South. Already, the preparations being made to "Put the Party on the Ballot," in these states is attracting considerable attention.

Reactionaries Fight Communists. Numerous leading officials of some of these states including some governors, secretaries of state, and attorney generals have refused to reply to communications of the Party requesting information as to the procedure for getting on the ballot. Instead they are making preparations to fight the Party by spreading rumors thru the press of the south in which they make all sorts of ridiculous charges. In one instance certain newspapers let the cat out of the bag by explaining how a letter addressed by the Workers Party to the secretary of state of a certain state found itself in their possession. The secretary of state had passed it on to the governor who passed it on to the democratic state boss who apparently is the owner of a chain of newspapers and thought it would make a fine news story.

To Build Party. The National Nominating Convention will do much to bring the opportunity facing the party in the south to the attention of the whole movement. The large delegations coming from the highly industrialized states of the North will help to arouse the membership to the necessity of supporting the efforts to Build the Party in the South when they return to the home states.

This, and many other facts will combine to make this the outstanding political convention of the decade and full of significance to the working class.

Youth Committee Asks Freedom for Gordon

(Continued from Page One) incommunicado, all attempts to reach him, save by members of his immediate family or his attorneys, being rigidly opposed. The final attempt to secure Gordon's release is a motion for reargument of an appeal filed with the court of appeals last Monday by Joseph R. Brodsky, his attorney. The higher court has already upheld the conviction.

Was at College. Gordon was attending the University of Wisconsin last April where he was an honor student, having won the Zona Gala scholarship, when the court of appeals ruled that he must immediately begin serving his sentence. Returning to New York, Gordon was immediately thrown into prison where he has been for the last four weeks.

The Young Workers (Communist) League, of which Gordon is a leading member, is planning a nation-wide campaign to secure his release, it was announced last night. Many liberals have also joined the liberation campaign, numerous appeals being made to the parole commission, which has announced that it sees "no reason for giving special attention" to Gordon.

Sailor Won't Pay rare; Twelve Hurt in Clash

BALBOA, Panama, Canal Zone. May 7.—Twelve persons were injured here last night in a riot which resulted when an American sailor refused to pay an automobile fare. Six sailors were among those injured. The American naval authorities promise an "investigation of the rioting"

for the sea, it has in fact operated as a non-union employment agency. Madden refused to advise the saving of this \$120,000 a year.

Communist International Turns Down the Application of German Leftists

WILL REACCEPT THOSE SPURNING MASLOV, FISCHER

Application Is Called "Demagogic Effort"

(Special Cable to The Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, May 7.—The Presidium of the Executive Committee of the Communist International has published its decision in connection with the application of the so-called Lenin League for membership in the Communist International.

"The request of the Lenin League for membership in the Communist International is nothing but a demagogic effort on the part of the organization to retain its followers for its counter-revolutionary activities.

"The request contains the blackmail threat of setting up opposition candidates in the German elections, which even evoked a protest from the well-known Trotskyist Radek.

"For the benefit of workers who were misled by the deceitful propaganda of the Maslov, Fischer and Urbahn group, the Presidium has decided to reaccept all members of the Lenin League after six months probation who immediately condemn Maslov, Fischer and Urbahn as counter-revolutionaries, immediately leave the Lenin League and agree publicly to accept the decisions of the Communist International."

13 STRIKES NOW ON IN CHICAGO

Cigarmakers Fighting Scab Products

CHICAGO, May 7 (FP).—Thirteen Chicago labor organizations have sizeable scraps on their hands against employers. Some are new and some are over a year old. The newest is the defensive campaign of Local 14 of the cigarmakers against a flood of 2,000,000 non-union 5-cent cigars pouring this month through the jobbers from the Philadelphia factories of the tobacco trust.

Local 35 of the granite cutters has to fight the police as well as the employers in picketing open-shop monument and tombstone yards. Gardeners and florists No. 17117, are energetically pushing their Buy-No-Flowers campaign, having defeated an injunction effort and having their eye on Mothers' Day, the occasion skillfully organized by the boss florists to capitalize filial piety.

Local 34, the window washers unit of the Building Service International has settled with a number of downtown building managers at \$160 a month, the figure in the strike demand of last January, but the majority of managers are still holding out against them. The international held its biennial convention in Chicago last week, electing Oscar F. Nelson president and Paul B. Davis secretary-treasurer.

Local 5 of the photoengravers continues to picket the Wallace-Miller Engraving Co., which went scab a month ago in what looks like an experiment backed by larger engraving houses. The fight may be as long drawn out as that of five craft unions that have been backing the White (Regan) Printing House the past 12 months. White deserted the union column after 30 years of friendly relations. The metal polishers also have a year-old fight against the Chicago Flexible Shaft Co., likewise formerly union. The list of 13 scraps is completed by the capmakers, engaged since early winter in battling their contract-breaking employers.

CAROLISTS START BUCHAREST HIKE

BERLIN, May 7.—Thousands of members of the Rumanian Peasant Party, who took part in the Alba Julia Convention, which demanded the resignation of the present Rumanian cabinet, are marching upon Bucharest to make a demonstration, according to advices received here this afternoon from German correspondents who crossed the Transylvanian frontier from Alba Julia to avoid the Rumanian censorship. The peasant party is committed to Prince Carol.

Telephone and telegraph communication with Alba Julia has been cut since late Sunday.

Heavy forces of armed troops are reported patrolling the Bucharest streets.

The distance from Alba Julia to Bucharest is 245 miles and the peasants will begin to reach the capital before the end of the week, unless they are stopped.

Hold Roman Holiday For the Roman "Butterfly"



When fascist meets fascist Tammany holds a public reception. The above picture shows Prince Ludovico Spada Potenzi, mayor of Rome, looking handsome as he marches up to greet the New York butterfly, Mayor Walker, whom he is said to resemble. Potenzi is believed to be in the United States to strengthen the North American fascists in their blackshirt allegiance. Grover Whalen sliced up in full regalia is on the left.

ADMIT SANDINO BAFFLES MARINES

Marine Investment Will Precede Poll

MANAGUA, May 7.—Admission that the tactics of the army of independence under General Augusto Sandino have completely baffled the American authorities was made by Brigadier General Logan Feland, commanding the United States forces in Nicaragua yesterday.

"We have had no trustworthy information about the movements of Sandino for months," the general admitted.

All Nicaragua is in unrest as the swift maneuvering of the army of independence alarms first the central and western sections of coffee and fruit plantation owners and now the American investors on the east coast.

In spite of the almost total investment of the country by American forces, the plantation owners are uneasy, expecting an uprising of the enslaved peons whenever the report of the arrival of troops from the army of independence is spread thru a district.

Three thousand nine hundred marines are investing all the larger towns. More than half of this number is reported to be in the northern half where their presence has been rendered almost useless by the advance of General Sandino to a stronger base in the eastern coast region.

A number of airplanes at Ocotol in the north are endeavoring to keep the region subdued by terror. Fifteen planes and 150 men are stationed at the flying field at Managua.

In close co-operation with these forces, the American election board is preparing to "supervise" the coming presidential poll.

CANADA JOBLESS FIGHT FOR RELIEF

Winnipeg City Council Fails to Act

WINNIPEG, Canada, May 7.—At the special meeting of the Winnipeg city council held today, a delegation representing the unemployed, supported by S. Sykes, One Big Union, and John Queen, M. L. A., repeated demands for immediate relief. A motion was made by Alderman Kolsimyk, seconded by Alderman Durward (both labor aldermen), giving the Relief Committee permission to spend an additional \$30,000 and more if necessary, to relieve this immediate situation. An amendment to the effect that the matter be held in abeyance until registration of the unemployed was completed, and the question then to be discussed at a further meeting of the council, was made by Alderman Pulford and Leach, representatives of big business interests in this city.

The committee representing the unemployed objected to the amendment. They claimed that the city had all the registration it required for practical purposes; and that 3,000 men outside in the Market Square should be ample proof of a very serious situation which demanded immediate attention. They demanded that registration should be carried on by the Dominion authorities, and that the method now being used was simply an attempt to hide the facts.

As usual, when matters affecting labor come before the city council, the vote went 9-7 in favor of the amendment and against the unemployed.

LAY OFF STATE EMPLOYEES.

NEW ORLEANS, (FP), May 7.—Since March 1, 500 employees of the Louisiana maintenance department, in the construction of highways and repair work, have been laid off owing to no funds. The last batch of 75 men discharged claimed that towards the end of the month they were notified that they could only work eight hours a day instead of 10 at \$2.80 a day, or 35 cents an hour.

Report U.S.S.R. Protest Note to Pilsudski Govt.

BERLIN, May 7.—The Soviet Union has delivered a formal note to the Polish Government protesting against the "passive attitude" which it has taken regarding Russian monarchist groups operating in Poland according to reports received here. The note was sent in connection with the attempt to assassinate a member of the U. S. S. R. legation staff.

An attempt was recently made in Warsaw to murder the Soviet Union Minister Bugumoloff.

WORLD FIGHT FOR COAL MARKETS

Miners to Suffer in Canada Market Fight

By LELAND OLDS, (Fed. Press).

Coal diggers in the United States may get a sharp reminder in the loss of the Canadian market that they are competing with unemployed miners the world over. Two independent plans are on foot to substitute British empire coal for the coal Canada has imported from the United States. One plan aims to turn the market over to Canadian producers, the other to find in Canada a market for the surplus of Scotland and South Wales.

Canada has been importing annually between 14,000,000 and 18,000,000 tons of coal, most of it from the United States. Ontario alone has been buying about 3,000,000 tons of Pennsylvania anthracite and 10,000,000 tons of bituminous, providing jobs for about 20,000 American miners. These jobs will go if interests in Canada and England succeed in their plans.

The plan of the Canadian government is to reduce freight rates until Nova Scotia coal has the edge on coal from the United States in the Quebec market and Alberta coal in the Ontario market. For the 3 months April 15 to July 15 each year it has authorized the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific railways to reduce the rate on Alberta coal to Ontario from \$12.70 to \$6.75 a ton. This will afford traffic during the dull period in freight business. The government will reimburse the roads for losses sustained under the new rate.

The freight reduction will enable Alberta producers to sell coal anywhere in Ontario at prices \$2 to \$3 a ton under Pennsylvania anthracite. The best Alberta coal is a semi-anthracite.

The British attack on the Canadian market is a cooperative effort by coal owners of Scotland and South Wales. They plan to screen, wash and grade their product in accordance with American standards. Shipowners and dock authorities are cooperating toward low transportation costs. The all-water route from British mines to Canadian cities via the St. Lawrence will render the cost of carrying coal about half that from mines in the United States.

Expect Cal's Veto of McNary Haugen Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7.—A meeting will be held at the White House tomorrow to discuss for the last time the McNary-Haugen and flood control bills, in an attempt to sway President Coolidge from vetoing them.

A last minute attempt to win the president's approval was made today when farm representatives presented their argument to him at the White House. But Coolidge's attitude still points to his ultimate veto.

In the event of the bill's failure to be passed over the president's veto, a new bill will be introduced in congress calling for \$150,000,000 for flood control construction, with prospects of its adoption and acceptance by the president.

JAPAN PLANNING NEW SEIZURE OF SHANTUNG CITIES

Strikes and Boycotts Spread in South

(Continued from Page One)

to a protest strike they fear the possibility of a mass demonstration against the Nanking government.

New Clash in Tsinan.

LONDON, May 7.—Sporadic fighting occurred in Tsinan today between Japanese troops and Kuomintang troops, according to an Exchange Telegraph Company dispatch from Hong Kong.

The Japanese clashed with the Chinese while making a house to house clearance of the looters, the dispatch stated.

Anti-Japanese demonstrations occurred today at Nanking, the dispatch added. As a result Japanese students are evacuating the city and fleeing by way of the Yangtze River.

Dispatches from Tokio published in the Daily Express today stated that as a result of the Tsinan clash and the state of affairs in the Shantung province, a special meeting of the Japanese cabinet and war office was held at which it was decided to dispatch 5,000 additional troops to China.

Preparations for their departure are already under way. When these additional troops arrive, the number of Japanese troops in China will total 10,000.

Role of U. S.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—War by the Kuomintang forces with the Japanese troops in Shantung may finally involve the forces of the United States in that region.

At Tientsin are 3,000 American marines, with 741 soldiers, while at Peking there is an American legation guard of about 500 men. Destroyers and submarines are on hand at the ports, and more are being sent from the south China coast.

One important factor in the situation is that Chiang Kai Shek, commander-in-chief of the Kuomintang troops has repudiated the worker and peasant program with which the movement began, and has massacred all radicals on whom he could lay hands. His support is uncertain in the South.

Republicans Select Negro to Catch Votes

CHICAGO, May 7.—Oscar DePriest, former alderman of the second ward and the first Negro alderman in Chicago, was elected as the republican nominee for congressman of the first district in Chicago in place of the late Marten B. Madden. DePriest, a real estate dealer, does not represent the Negro workers but was put up to catch votes.

DePriest's name will go on the ballot for November general election. He was picked at a meeting in the Hotel Sherman of five republican committeemen of the first district, Dan Jackson, second ward committeeman presiding.

TWO MEN DROWN.

MONTREAL, Quebec, May 7.—Two men were drowned and a third had a narrow escape from a similar fate when the boat in which they were fishing in the St. Lawrence River here capsized.

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COAST CITY BANS FOREIGN WORKERS

California Will Refuse Them Jobs

SAN BERNARDINO, May 7.—The first blow against foreign-born workers has been struck in California stronghold of the most reactionary building trades union officialdom in the country.

This city has recently passed an ordinance making it unlawful for any official of the city government, "any contractor, sub-contractor, agent foreman, or any of their representatives, having a contract with the city of San Bernardino, the performance of which would require the services of one or more laborers, to cause, permit, or suffer to work in performing said contract, any person who is not a citizen of the United States of America."

"Any violation of the provisions of this section is a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of not less than \$25, or more than \$50, for the first offense and not less than \$100 or more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 60 days for each subsequent offense or by both such fine and imprisonment."

TO INVESTIGATE POWER DEALINGS

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 7 (FP).

Newport's union electrical workers have aroused Rhode Island labor to power trust exactions. Through a series of resolutions electricians have started a demand which may cause the governor to name a commission to investigate high charges by private light and power companies.

The Newport Electric Corporation's charge of 12 1/2 cents a kilowatt hour for juice precipitated labor's demand for investigation and survey. Privately owned plant charges average 5 1/2 cents, Newport electricians have computed, while public plants average 2 1/2 cents.

Southern Massachusetts cities also suffer from high electric rates. Two super-power corporations, the New England Power and the Eastern Utilities Assn. are angling for the Fall River and New Bedford companies. High rates have inflated stock values of these companies and present owners hope to clean up millions when they sell out to the combine.

AWARD \$6,250 TO GIRL.

LONDON, May 7.—John Barker, four, has been awarded \$6,250 for damages to her leg by the car of Claud Geoffrey, a wine merchant.

MILLS HAVE 54-HR WEEK

WONSOCKET, R. I., (FP) May 7.—All four Lonsdale Co. textile mills are now on the 54-hour schedule.

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Captain Burr W. Layson, Jr., will leave for China in the near future to take charge of the air force of the Kuomintang reactionaries.

FIGHT FOR BELA KUN'S FREEDOM GAINS STRENGTH

Swiss Communist Party Issues Appeal

(Special Cable to The Daily Worker)

LENINGRAD, May 7.—A strong movement to protest against the arrest of Bela Kun and to fight against the danger of his extradition has been launched in the factories of Leningrad.

Mass meetings have been held to demand his immediate release.

BERLIN, May 7.—The Swiss Communist Party has issued an appeal urging all workers to attend mass meetings to protest against the extradition of Bela Kun.

Reports received here from Vienna state that according to a widely circulated rumor, the little entente has urged the Austrian government to intern Bela Kun in special territory.

Meetings were held over the weekend in Fairfield, Conn., New Brunswick, N. J., Trenton, N. J., Bridgeport, Conn., and Philadelphia to demand the immediate release of Bela Kun.

Workers at all of the meetings voted to send cables to Chancellor Seipel of Austria demanding the release of the Hungarian Communist leader.

Whitewash Deaths

WASHINGTON, May 7.—A complete whitewash of Commander H. S. Baylis, commanding officer of the destroyer Paulding that was responsible for collision that sent the submarine S-4 to the bottom of the sea off Provincetown, Mass., with a loss of 40 lives has been issued by a board of inquiry appointed to investigate the fatal accident.

ATTACK SCHOOL CONDITIONS

BALTIMORE, May 7.—Conditions in two public schools of this city were attacked yesterday in resolutions adopted by parent-teacher organizations. The association of School 20, held a protest meeting and threatened to "strike against sending children to that condemned school."

The conditions at School 47, the other one attacked, are "a reflection on and a disgrace to the city of Baltimore."

Auto Deaths Increase

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Motor car accidents were responsible for 525 deaths in 77 large cities during the four weeks ending April 21, according to figures made public here today by the commerce department. This shows an increase of 35 deaths over the four weeks ending April 23, 1927.

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Beat Illinois Miners With Whips in Jail, Worker Correspondent Writes

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Victims Are Tried by "Kangaroo Courts"

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

At Springfield, Illinois, where picketing has been carried on by the Save-the-Unionists, women have been brutally treated by deputy sheriffs and company-paid guards. They have been pulled about by their hair, knocked down, and called obscene names. The coal company had issued instructions that every man arm himself with pick-handles, crowbars, or any other available weapon, and charge the picket line, which was peaceful and unarmed. Several of the pickets were injured, and the women were treated shamefully, in the melee that followed. A machine gun had also been placed at the mine by one of the union officials, and instructions given to use it upon the pickets at the first opportunity.

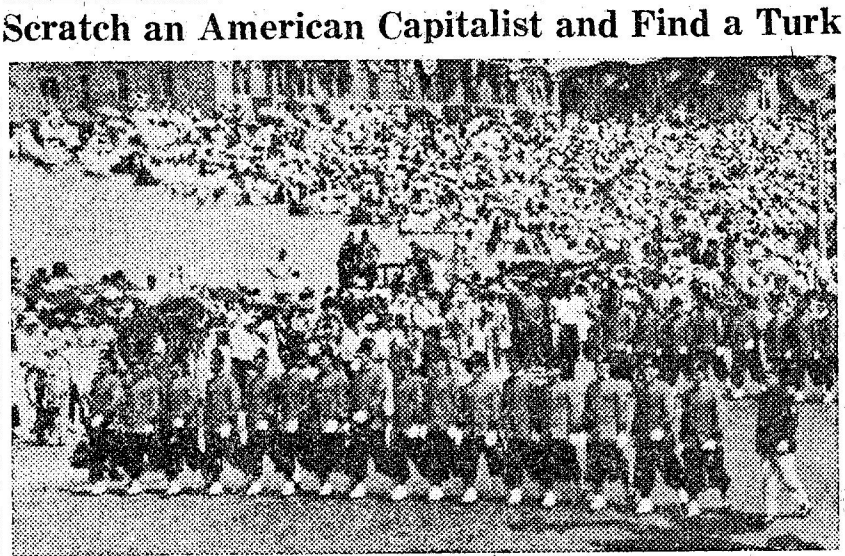
The conditions of the striking miners in Pennsylvania have become so severe that several additional investigations have been made. The University of Pittsburgh has sent a delegation of students to make notes of conditions, and a seminar of ministers have been going through the strike district, making inquiries regarding the suffering, the starvation, the unsanitary conditions, and the brutality that these people are forced to endure.

In the southern part of Illinois drastic measures are being resorted to, in order to try to stop the spreading of the Save-the-Union movement. A mass meeting scheduled at West Frankfort had to be abandoned because of the arrest of several persons connected with the movement, among them the speakers scheduled to appear at the gathering.

The first arrest was that of the man who was distributing handbills advertising the meeting. When two men, one of them a speaker, the other a secretary in the movement appeared at the police station to make inquiries, they were informed that he was being held incommunicado at the city jail. When they returned the next morning to try to arrange for the man's release, they too, were placed under arrest and held incommunicado. By the time that a small group of their friends, and their wives had gathered at the jail, they had been removed to the Benton County jail, where the prisoners are allowed to hold their farcical "Kangaroo Court" over each new victim. All those who enter the jail are searched and their effects are turned over to the prisoners. If any man does not possess anything of value, he is then dealt with in this "Kangaroo Court," which sentences him to punishment. This punishment usually consists of lashings with heavy leather straps, and the number of lashes often reach as many as 200. At the close of each visitor's day, the victim receives 25 additional lashes, until such time as his relatives or friends succeed in raising the amount that he was fined, by this so-called prisoner's court.

The Save-the-Union members were finally released, due to the diligent efforts of their friends. One of them was reported to have had \$25 taken from him by the "Kangaroo Court," and it is not exactly known what loss the others sustained. These men told things that were almost unbelievable as to happenings in the jail, but asked that they be suppressed, as they feared that if they were made public that any other of their men which should happen to fall into the hands of this faction might be forced to undergo more severe punishment as a result of any publicity that might be given them.

Scratch an American Capitalist and Find a Turk
Hundreds of so-called shrouded business men throughout the United States doll up in Turkish trousers once or twice a year. Outfitted in this way, they go to the Shriners' Convention where the little capitalists from hundreds of American villages agree with the bigger ones on how to control labor. The above picture shows them marching in Miami, Fla., where the "faith" is very strong.



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POLITICAL PARTY EXPLOITS LABOR

Men Work for \$3 a Day and a 7-Day Week

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

LOS ANGELES, Calif., (By Mail).—One of the major political parties here employed about one hundred workers. Most of these 100 got their jobs thru an employment agency which took 30 per cent of their entire earnings. The typists got \$4 per 8-hour day and \$6 per 12-hour day. Which means that they worked eight hours a day for themselves and four hours a day for the employment agency.

Those who stuffed, sealed and packed envelopes carrying political propaganda got \$3 per 8 hours and \$4.50 per 12 hours, \$1.50 of which went to the employment agency. Not only did they work 12 hours a day but they worked seven days a week. No overtime allowance was made for Sunday work. How can a powerful political power dare to work people for 12 hours a day and seven days a week, paying only \$3 and \$4 per day right before election time?

Evidently they don't give a damn for the workers' vote—or—O yes, the forelady gave orders to shut up about overtime work—"for 'WE' might get in trouble," she pleaded. There must have been some kind of labor law that was violated. But what is that to a powerful political party that depends on labor for the votes only? And, what are votes so long as the dollar is always forthcoming? Or has the dollar ceased to come so readily since the Teapot Dome scandal?

Hungarian Workers Win Soccer League Honors

With the Hungarian Workers team winning the top honors in the "A" division, and the Scandinavians running them a close second, the Metropolitan Workers' Soccer League, which has rung down the curtain on its first and very successful season of play.

Starting the season with only a few teams, the "Metropolitan" gradually built up to the point where it embraced 32 teams in three divisions. Because of its consistent adherence to the principles of labor sports, its strict enforcement of real amateurism and honest play, the "Metropolitan" has been able to build up a big following and all indications are that next season it will continue its sensational growth.

An amateur baseball league for young workers under the age of 20 has been organized by the Chicago District of the Labor Sports Union. Following upon the issuance of a call to the numerous neighborhood sports clubs, 12 representatives of seven clubs came to the first organization meeting. Clem Forsen, Secretary of the Chicago District of the L. S. U., opened the meeting with greetings to the delegates and a promise of wholehearted support from his organization.

After hearing a report on the principles and activities of the Labor Sports Union, from its National Secretary Paul Cline, the national convention of Scandinavian workers clubs, with over 40 delegates present unanimously decided to endorse and support the organization.

Three Scandinavian Workers' Sports Clubs are already affiliated to the Labor Sports Union, and delegates from various parts of the country stated that at least six more would join within the following two months.

So thoroughly has the Amateur Athletic Union been exposed as an organization that is soaked thru and thru with professional practice that the sports pages make no bones about printing the actual facts. For ex-

REVOLVERS STUCK IN MINERS BACKS IN TERROR REIGN

Anthracite Men Ready to Oust Cappelini

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., (By Mail).—We held a meeting of the Local Union 1581 of No. 14 colliery of the Pennsylvania Coal Co. last week. Over 1200 miners attended the session. The miners came ready prepared to overthrow the reactionary officials who are led by Cardoni and Andrew Novak, contractors of that colliery.

Thru the terrorizing of the miners and thru the police protection which they received, the machine was able to block the attempt of the rank and file to get control of local union 1581, the fact is that the miners have not given up the struggle and now are more determined to fight in the local union and overthrow the officers in the end.

The Save-the-Union Movement has been leading this fight in and around the Pittston territory and has been succeeding in the struggle. The only reason that they did not succeed this meeting was because the contractors stuck guns, that is revolvers in the backs of some of our militant leaders. They also prevented some of the leading fellows from attending the meeting by not letting them into the hall and getting the police to keep them out. Then also when the militant miners from 1703 arrived to help them in overthrowing the contractors they had the police hold one on no charges whatsoever.

John Salvo was the one that was held. Another miner was thrown down the steps. The Tri-District Save-the-Union Committee is determined that all the contractors shall be thrown out of the Pittston territory.

Pittston Local Union 1703 started work on the 30th of April when the company was forced with the district officials led by Cappelini to recognize James Lamarca docking boss, and Frank McGarry checkweighman. Tho the miners were reluctant to go back to work yet it was under the orders of the mayor that no meeting could be called to explain the situation and Frank McGarry posted up notices that everybody had to return to work. It is doubtful if the miners would have returned to work if the mayor would have permitted a meeting.

SOVIET UNION IS FREE; POLAND A SLAVE LAND
WARSAW, May 7 (FP).—At Niegeloroje, last Russian town on the Moscow-Warsaw railroad line, breakfast is a matter of pennies. Across the line in the first Polish town the traveler pays heavily for undrinkable coffee with bread.

At Niegeloroje, the Russian station is a new 2-story structure finished in natural wood. The restaurant room springs up to the roof. Crimson banners carry greetings to the revolution in Russian, Polish and Yiddish. No tips accepted, but there is a hearty farewell to the Amerikansky delegates and a last injunction for them to fight against the danger of America making war on Russia.

A few miles further on is the Polish frontier town. The traveler drags his baggage to the custom house. A squad of suspicious customs men, flanked by surly armed soldiers, passes from bag to bag. Soon the central table is piled high with contraband—Moscow evening papers, illustrated magazines, any scrap of literature with Russian print. The censor will look them over and return them. When? As soon as possible. Which apparently is never.

Into the restaurant for a cup of coffee. Waiters, correctly clad in habiliments of subservency. The Polish equivalent of "mister"—a word no more used in Russia. Undrinkable coffee. High prices. And the hand outstretched for the tip.

On the train Polish officers in swanky uniforms, swords with silver-

DRAMA Story of Evolution Pictured in Daring New German Film

THE most daring film ever shown to the German public was recently shown in Berlin. The picture was released by the Ufa Company, as a special feature. This is "Love and Nature," the story of evolution "from the cell to the human being." Nature is regarded as directed by two forces only, love and hunger. From the thesis laid down by Haeckel, the director, Dr. Ulrich Schultz has taken pictures from various medical, scientific, and zoological films, interspersed them with a few trick pictures, and shown the continuity of movement in nature, from the first currents in which the lowest forms of life arose, up to the circulation of the blood.

Nature's relentless will to propagate the species is demonstrated not only by the amorous wooing of the turtle dove, but by the strange courting of spiders and snails, rising throughout Nature to the fights of the male stag. The different stages of embryonic life are shown, as well as the earliest phases of man's development towards a civilized being. Besides dwellers on lake piles and in caves, we are shown cultured chimpanzees and unhappy human freaks known to international science. The German censor, generally rightly averse to young people under eighteen visiting the cinema, has passed this picture for those under that age, possibly believing that the biological knowledge now imparted in classrooms may be more effectively taught in this way. No other country is likely to accept certain of the medical pictures as they stand, but the whole attempt is on such a fine scale that the film with these few eliminations deserves world-wide notice.

Says 11,000,000 Negroes Have No Voice in Rule
WASHINGTON, May 7. — Prof. Kelly Miller of Howard University, conservative leader of Negro intellectuals in the capitol, in a letter to the Washington Post declares that the Negroes henceforth will send their own people to congress. "After a lapse of more than a century," says Prof. Miller, "the Negro congressman is returning to stay. It is a reproach to the race that 11,000,000 loyal and patriotic Negro citizens have no voice in the government by which they are controlled."

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To Probe Deaths
An investigation into the death Friday, April 28 of three passengers on the ferryboat Bronx when the boat tipped forward and threw them overboard was held last night at St. George, S. I. The Tammany Hall administration has been attempting to prevent any investigation of the accident.

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IN WILLARD MACK DRAMA.



Marie Chambers, who plays one of the chief roles with Willard Mack in his newest play, "The Scarlet Fox," at the Theatre Masque.

Broadway Briefs

Whitford Kane, who played in the Theatre Guild's first production of "R. U. R.," has been engaged to fill his old role when "R. U. R." goes on tour next season. Mr. Kane will also play in "Marco Millions," which will be toured as the companion piece to "R. U. R."

"The Death," a new drama by Leon Blumfeld, is announced for production by Edward Cosgrave early in September.

Vera Allen, who last year played in "The Silver Cord," will be one of the principals in the forthcoming "Grand Street Follies," which opens here about May 24. Other members of the cast, all of whom have appeared in previous editions, are: Edla Frankau, Joanna Roos, Frances Cowles, George Heller and George Bratt.

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FOR THE CHICAGO FRONT.
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MEETING FIGHTS FOR DEFENSE OF FRAMED MINERS

Burgess Seeks Votes as Price of Permit

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

OLD FORGE, Pa., (By Mail).—The National Bonita-Moleski-Mendola Defense Committee held a very enthusiastic mass meeting here to protest against the verdict and the sentence of Sam Bonita.

Despite the fact that the sheriff of Lackawanna County and the police had made efforts to break up the meeting, and close the hall, the burgess of Old Forge who apparently is on the outs with the county authorities permitted the meeting to go on and ordered the state police and county authorities to get out of Old Forge. For the first time in the history of Lackawanna county, this particular burgess gave police protection and permitted the meeting to go on, tho it is well known that he did this for political reasons in fishing for the workers' votes in Old Forge.

Stanly Dziengielewski, Secretary of the National Bonita-Moleski-Mendola Defense Committee, Charles Licata, recording secretary Local Union 1703, and Sam Licata exposed and condemned Judge McLean and the whole procedure of the trial. They also exposed how Cappelini works hand in hand with the contractors and the coal operators to murder innocent rank and file leaders to fight in behalf of the miners.

A local Bonita-Moleski-Mendola Defense Committee was also organized. A good collection was taken and the meeting adjourned in a very determined manner to free Bonita, Moleski and Mendola. —COAL.

Youth Committee Aids Striking Coal Diggers

The Youth Committee for Miners' Relief, of New York, announced yesterday the result of several collections taken up recently to aid the striking coal diggers.

At a meeting held Friday at Morris High School, the Bronx, under the auspices of the Social Problems Club, a campaign for the raising of funds was started.

The Social Problems Clubs, City College collected \$23.50 it was announced last night.

At a tag day held at New Utrecht High School, Brooklyn, \$16.50 was raised among the students. A donation of \$12.50 was also received from the Williamsburgh Youth Club and \$31 from the Grocery and Fruit Clerks, Union, according to Phil Frankfeld, secretary of the Youth Committee for Miners' Relief.

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Gangsters in Hire of Open Shop Slipper Co. Stab Union Pickets

SHOE STRIKERS MAY DIE AFTER ATTACK BY THUGS

Union Determined to Fight Melrose Firm

Hired seabs in the employ of the Melrose Slipper Company stabbed two union pickets of the Associated Shoe and Slipper Union and escaped before they could be caught. Mike Felice and Abe Shink, the two pickets are both in the hospital suffering from serious wounds and there is some doubt as to whether they will recover.

Felice and Shink were picketing the company place of business at 76 Spring St., Friday evening when a taxi-load of the gangsters drove up. A number of the assassins alighted and immediately attacked the two pickets. Four of them escaped before they could be caught. Police, who captured one of them, found in his possession two daggers, such as were used to stab the pickets.

The names of three of the thugs who were known to officers of the union were turned over to the police. Arrests were expected to follow.

The Melrose Slipper Company, originally a union concern, recently broke off relations with the Associated. Picketing was immediately begun and officers of the union announce that this will be continued until the firm signs up with them.

EXPOSE TAMMANY IN TRACTION DEAL

2,000 Attend Bronx Meet Saturday

The city-wide fight by the workers of this city, led by the Workers' (Communist) Party, District 2 against the seven-cent fare steal will continue tomorrow with six open-air meetings in various parts of the city. Speakers will expose the part of Tammany Hall in the traction deal.

The meetings will be held at Fifth Ave. and 110th St., Seventh Ave. and 138th St., First Ave. and 79th St., Second Ave. and 10th St., Rutgers Square and at the south end of Union Square.

Among the speakers at the meetings will be William W. Weinstein, organizer of district 2 of the Workers' (Communist) Party; Bert Miller, organizational secretary of the New York district of the party; D. Benjamin, R. Moore, John Sherman, Harry Blake, Sylvan A. Pollack, J. O. Bentall, Juliet Stuart Poyntz, S. Hessin, N. Markoff, Philip Frankford and H. Gordon. The meetings tomorrow will be part of a series of open-air mass meetings, at which the slogans will be "Against the Seven-Cent Fare Steal" and "For a Labor Party."

10-Cent Fare Looms

Not only a seven-cent but the prospect of a ten-cent fare is now looming for the 8,000,000 or more workers of New York City, as a result of the decision of the statutory court of three judges which stated that an 8 per cent return on the valuation for the Interboro would be necessary. The decision resulted in much jubilation among the officials of the I. R. T., who stated that a 10-cent fare was necessary to realize the eight per cent return. October 1 is reported to be the date fixed by the Interborough for putting the 7-cent fare into effect. The application for the 10-cent fare is expected to follow soon after.

Reports persisted yesterday that the Brooklyn-Manhattan transit company was also intending to grab for a 7-cent fare, together with several surface-car lines in Manhattan and Brooklyn. A mass meeting to fight the traction steal was held Saturday night at Third Ave. and 149th St. nearly two thousand workers attended. Louis A. Baum, secretary of the Photographic Workers' Union, was the principal speaker.

Carpenters' Strike Defeats Wage-Cut

READING, Pa., May 7.—As a result of a strike which lasted five days, the carpenters employed by the Gilpatrick-Dawson Contracting Company, of Pittsburgh, engaged in the construction of the Tyson-Schoener grade school, regained their regular rate of \$1 per hour. The company attempted to cut the carpenters' pay to 80 cents an hour. The carpenters walked off the job.

A clause in the contract between the city and the company penalizes the company for any delay at the rate of \$100 a day. The strike and resulting delay forced the contractors to cancel the wage cut. The school board had no authority to intervene.

Birdman to Experiment With "Bird-Plane"



George White, in inset above, has been experimenting with birdlike planes for years. Above is shown his latest model, a motorless, wing-propelled, foot-pedaled "ornithopter," which he is trying out at St. Augustine beach, Florida.

SIGMAN PLANS TO BAR LEFT WING

Right Wing Cancels Parade at Convention

In their efforts to stifle the overwhelming demand of the thousands of cloak and dressmakers that the delegation of the New York Joint Board be permitted to participate in the convention to open in Boston this morning, the reactionary officialdom of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union have stooped to the position of ordinary agents provocateurs for the Boston police force, according to a dispatch received here yesterday.

Sigman Aided by Police.

A. Weiss, one of the delegates from the Joint Board, who reached Boston several days ago, investigated the statements of the union membership in Boston that they are certain International officials went to the police inspector for help in keeping out of Boston the delegation of left-wingers and militants from locals throughout the country. In asking this "favor" from the police inspector, the workers said that the police were told that "a crowd of Communists were coming to break up the convention with the aid of a gang of gunmen."

In investigating this statement Weiss decided to go to the office of the police inspector, accompanied by an attorney. On reaching police headquarters, they found A. Barrof, secretary-treasurer of the International, Sol Polakoff, International organizer in Boston, and a few other leading figures of the Sigman clique waiting to speak to the police chief.

In statements made previously the police inspector announced that the officials of the International would have the Boston police placed at their disposal to protect them from the Communists. "Because," said he, "the Communists are a bad lot. Look at the trouble they are making by starting the New Bedford textile strike," he added.

Police Tell of Visits.

After Weiss and the attorney were shown in to the inspector's office, they verified the belief of the workers by the frank statements of the police inspector. He told them that on April 18 officials of the International came to him and told him of the imminent "invasion of Communists and gunmen to break up the convention." The inspector agreed to furnish police to carry out the orders of the Sigmanites. He told Weiss he didn't intend to rescind this order, because he knows that "Communists, no matter where they may be, are very dangerous. This was his decision despite the fact that Weiss told him that the delegation arriving in Boston this morning are chosen by the broad masses of the union membership to represent them at the convention."

Parade Called Off.

Despite the loud announcements made by the local administration of the Boston cloakmakers union that they intended to organize the Boston workers for a parade to greet the convention opening here today, the right wing decided to call off the parade when they saw that the parade showed signs of turning into a demonstration of greeting for the delegation of militant representatives of the union members, also arriving today.

Negro Lynched After NAACP Report

MIAMI, May 7.—An unidentified Negro was lynched by a posse of pursuers half an hour after he had shot and killed Philip H. Lee, chief of police at Hallandale. No motive for the shooting was established. The affair at Miami comes just the day after a report of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, through its secretary, James Weldon Johnson, which stated that no lynching anywhere in the United States had been reported during the first third of the year 1928.

BERT WILLIAMS ESTATE
Bert Williams, Negro comedian, who died March 4, 1922, at Detroit, left an estate amounting to \$34,521 gross and \$18,390 net, according to the appraisal made recently for tax transfer purposes.

MACHINE HARVEST IS UNEMPLOYMENT ON LARGE FARMS

Big Tractors Cut Down Labor in West

By LELAND OLDS, (Fed. Press)

The use of the combine, the harvester-thresher which is revolutionizing wheat farming west of the Mississippi, is thoroughly analyzed in a technical bulletin of the U. S. department of agriculture sold by the government printing office at Washington for 15 cents. The bulletin gives a clear idea of the operation and the resulting displacing of farm labor.

Huge Machines.

The revolution worked by the combine has come in the decade since the war although huge machines of this type drawn by 36 horses or mules had been used in the wheat fields of the Pacific coast before the war. The first combine appeared in Kansas in 1918. The spread was so rapid that by 1926 combines cut 30 per cent of the wheat crop in that state.

"Individual localities can be pointed out in the great plains," says the department, "in which practically the entire wheat crop is cut with the combine. The problem of deciding whether to continue harvesting with binders or headers or to purchase a combine is puzzling many farmers, especially those who live in areas where a general change has not been made. The information contained in this bulletin was gathered for the purpose of assisting wheat growers to arrive at a decision."

New Model Combines Brought out in 1926

made the use of these machines practicable on smaller farms. Their cut is from 8 to 10 feet wide and they have a direct power drive from the tractor, eliminating the auxiliary motor. They require a smaller investment and a smaller crew.

In 1926 the 257 combines on the farms studied by the department harvested an average of 533 acres of small grains. These machines were operated by 536 men or slightly more than 2 men to a machine. The new model combines without auxiliary engines are in general operated by one man. Only two-thirds of the acreage harvested was on the home farm, the balance representing work done for others at an average charge of \$3 per acre.

"The economy in the use of labor," says the department, "is shown by a comparison of man-hours per acre for different methods of harvesting. The total labor for harvesting and threshing is reduced from 4.6 man-hours for cutting with a binder and thrashing with a stationary thrasher, to about 0.75 man-hour per acre in cases where the work is done with a combine."

The department remarks on the way the combine renders the farmer comparatively independent of the old type of transient harvest labor. It says: "On the tractor-drawn combines from which records were obtained, 53 per cent of the labor was that of the owner or unpaid labor on the farm. Some of the hired labor used was regularly employed on the farm, and a part represented labor exchanged with neighbors."

Higher But Fewer.

Combine labor is in general paid somewhat higher wages than the old type of harvest hand. The most common rates for combine operators were \$5 or \$6 a day, but rates as low as \$4 and as high as \$8 were not uncommon. Customary rates for tractor drivers ranged from \$4 to \$6 while haulers and helpers usually got \$4.

The labor cost by itself is only about 40 cents per acre for both harvesting and threshing with a combine, compared with \$1.80 with a binder and \$1.40 per acre with a header for harvesting alone.

The department estimates the minimum acreage in the great plains which can be profitably harvested with a 10-foot combine at 150, the maximum at 640 and the average in a 15-day harvest at 375 acres. The minimum profitable acreage for a 15-foot machine is set at 200, the maximum at 1100 and the average in a 15-day harvest at 525 acres.

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CLEVELAND HOUSE-WARMING.

CLEVELAND.—The Soviet local of the Workers' (Communist) Party will celebrate the opening of their new headquarters at 2048 E. 4th St., with an entertainment and general get-together on Tuesday, May 29, at 8 p. m.

ROXBURY MOTHERS' LEAGUE.

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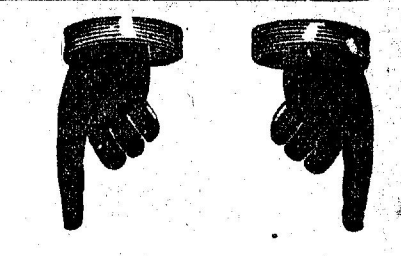
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Defend the Chinese Revolution!

Any attack by Japanese troops in China is objectively an imperialist attack. This is true even though the present armed clash of Japanese troops at Tsinan-fu is with the troops of Chiang Kai-shek, the counter-revolutionist. The attitude and actions of the Japanese indicate a growing aggressiveness and confidence of Japanese imperialism in China. The same imperialist aggressiveness is shown internally in Japan by the government's attacks against the Communist Party and the militant labor movement, which internal incidents were in preparation for the aggression in China.

The latest facts merely go to prove that foreign imperialism is fast reaping the fruits of the betrayal of Chiang Kai-shek and the Chinese bourgeoisie.

The proposed general strike in Shanghai can have successes only if the Chinese Communist Party takes the leadership of it. Otherwise it will be strangled again by such vipers as Chiang Kai-shek. But if the Communist Party of China succeeds in taking over and aggressively conducting the leadership of the general strike, this can result in reviving the revolution for a new period; for the general strike cannot but be against both the Japanese imperialists and against the former nationalist bourgeoisie, which is no longer nationalist.

Regardless of the maneuvers which Chiang Kai-shek and his clique may undertake in this situation, any conflict between the troops under his command and the Japanese imperialists, the result is bound to be further betrayal of the Chinese revolution.

The only forces able and willing and actually engaged in struggle against foreign imperialism and its agents, the Chinese counter-revolutionary bourgeoisie, is the Chinese working class and peasantry, led by the Communist Party.

The workers of the United States should note that the Wall Street government is helping this Japanese imperialist attack. The arrival at Tsung-Tao of an additional division of six submarines from America to reinforce a division of five American destroyers already stationed in that port, indicates the determination of American imperialism to extend and strengthen its own "spheres of influence" in the province of Shantung. The United States no less imperialist in its aims, and no less a cruel enemy of the Chinese masses than any other, and in the last analysis will go further in ruthless violence than any other Power.

The American working class must not permit the American and Japanese imperialists in alliance with the Chinese bourgeoisie, to strengthen the oppression by foreign imperialism in China.

We demand of the American government to immediately withdraw all its military forces from China, and to keep its hands off China.

We call upon the American working class to render all possible support to the workers' and peasants' anti-imperialist revolution.

Workers Must Organize To Fight Capitalism

Today the imperialists of America are more active than ever before in their offensive upon the workers and the workers' organizations. Scores of thousands of workers in the western Pennsylvania and Ohio coal region are engaged in a struggle for life and death against the coal barons and their agents in the union, the Lewis-Cappellini machine; for the coal barons know that if the Lewis machine succeeds in crushing the United Mine Workers' Union these workers would have no means for existence.

The attack of the capitalist class and their agents in the labor movement, Lewis, Hillman, Sigman, etc., upon the militant workers of this country must be answered with a counter-offensive from the working class.

The attempt to crush the U. M. W. A., the expulsion of militant workers, fighters from the trade unions, the sentence of 12 years of prison imposed upon Bonita, the shooting down of workers in the picket line is an indication of the reactionary methods employed by the capitalists and their agents to destroy the labor organizations in this country.

War Clouds Gather. War is nearer now than ever before. The antagonism between the imperialist powers is growing sharper and sharper. Each imperialist country is hunting for world supremacy.

The never-ending armament races of the imperialist powers is an indication of the war preparedness on the part of the imperialists.

While over 4,000,000 workers are jobless and penniless, our government does not spend a cent for the relief of these workers and at the same time does not hesitate to make appropriations of billions of dollars for war preparedness, does not hesitate to spend other millions of dollars to keep marines in China and Nicaragua to suffocate in rivers of blood those brave workers who are fighting and giving up their lives for the freedom of their country from America's imperialist rulers.

Workers must fight against capitalist wars. The militarization of the youth in the country is no lon-

ger a thing of the past. Today military institutions throughout the country are training thousands of young workers, farmers, and students each year. The Citizen's Military Training Camps are again waging a campaign to recruit young workers from mines, mills and factories and students from schools. The C. M. T. C. is a military institution that serves only the ruling class and trains the young workers and students to become cannon fodder in the coming imperialist war. It trains young workers to become scabs at times when workers strike for a better standard of living.

As such the C. M. T. C. must be fought by the workers and young workers of this country. Unemployed young workers beware! Do not fall for the propaganda of the military recruiting officers, but organize and fight side by side with us against war and militarism. Workers, defend the only workers' and farmers' government (the Soviet Union), the only country on this May Day of international solidarity. The workers of the Soviet Union will be able to wave into the open the Red Banner, the banner that represents the workers' solidarity and the emancipation of the working class. The Red Banner is the workers' flag, flag of liberty and freedom. Workers must defend the Soviet Union from the attack of the imperialists because the Soviet Union is the fatherland of the workers of the world.

On this May the First let us review our past activities, let us pay a tribute to the thousands of workers who bravely died in the workers' barricades throughout the world. Let us send our message of solidarity to the thousands of workers suffering in the damp and filthy capitalist prisons in every corner of the earth.

Workers! Make this May the First a day for workers' mobilization and let us fight on for a new era, for a better system of society, a Communist system of society, where only workers and farmers, the producers, will enjoy liberty and freedom. On with our fight, workers! Organize!

THE "MINE GUARD"



John L. Lewis, who pretends to be president of the United Mine Workers Union, in reality serves as the chief reliance of the coal operators in trying to break the big mine strike. Therefore the rank and file mine workers raise the cry: "Lewis must go! Rid the union of company influence! The miners must control their own union!"

By Fred Ellis

Celebrate 100 Years of Labor Party in Penn.

All workers should rally to this centennial celebration of the Pennsylvania Labor Party, and make it a real demonstration for independent political action of the working class. In John Brophy, the leader of the militant rank-and-file miners in their struggle against the coal barons and the reactionary, corrupt, operator-controlled Lewis machine, we have a candidate who has real significance for Pennsylvania workers.

Real Labor Leaders.

It means that after a hundred years of the development of the Labor Party, in which the party has been dominated by the reactionary leaders of the A. F. of L., and been used as a tool of the old capitalist political parties, the politicians of the republican and democratic parties, the Labor Party now will put up candidates who are real trade unionists, who run on no other ticket but the labor ticket, and who, like Brophy and Thomas, have a fine record of struggle for the rank-and-file against the bosses and the labor bureaucracy.

Maurer Allowed Sell-Out.

It is interesting to note that James Maurer, the candidate for vice-president in 1928 on the socialist party ticket, for many years the president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, and an influential figure in the Pennsylvania Labor Party, has allowed the above sell-out to go on without any struggle.

"The New Socialism"

By Bertram D. Wolfe

"We will match the 'New Tammany' of Al Smith with the 'New Socialism' of Norman Thomas!"

Louis Waldmen in his nominating speech at the S. P. convention

They have taken the class struggle out of their application blank. They have hung out the flag of imperialism over the Rand School with the sign "Welcome Delegates." They have hauled down the Red Flag of international solidarity and hung up the Red, White and Blue Flag of Wall Street. What will their May Day be like? I asked myself on May the first.

The answer has come in from many cities. Most of them report: "The socialist party held no May Day meeting here."

I was in Pittsburgh on May the first. I found a sign in the Labor Lyceum: "Yipsel May Day party Sunday night. Program: 'Treasure Island,' by Robert Louis Stevenson!" So much for the Young Peoples' Socialist League.

And the socialist party: It "celebrated" with a banquet. After the mass meeting held by our party, per-

battle of the miners against operators raged by the atmosphere of the grim railroads, government and Lewis, I visited the May Day banquet of the party that has abolished the class struggle.

A handful of old folks—mostly storekeepers—and some young children. The children sang amid remnants of the feast. School songs "Glory Hallelujah." Then a Yiddish

Litany parody—"Karl Marx is Einer; Zwei is Lenin-Trotsky, etc." How Marx, Lenin and Trotsky got in that company, even in parody, is beyond me. Degenerated petty-bourgeoisie philistinism; Class struggle—leave that to the Communists. Red flag—ditto. Such is the S. P. in Pittsburgh. Postponed Because of Rain.

Then there is Milwaukee. In Milwaukee the socialist party is the ad-

ministration. It controls the trade union apparatus. It carries silk-stocking districts and loses proletarian ones. But still—a Mayor, a daily organ, trade union apparatus—surely here we can expect a big May Day demonstration, such as was held in previous years.

The socialist leaders of the Milwaukee labor movement meet. They discuss May Day preparations, "Americanism," the weather. Then they solemnly adopt a resolution declaring (1) that atmospheric conditions are unfavorable for picnics and street demonstrations in this region on the first of May; (2) that the rest of the American labor movement celebrates labor day in September!

Therefore they solemnly resolve that international solidarity is abolished by weather conditions and that class struggle labor day shall be abandoned for class-collaboration, bosses' labor day in September!

In New York the socialist party still had to make a pretense because of the May Day tradition in the needle trades. But Pittsburgh and Milwaukee show the true socialist party of today.

Preacher Thomas instead of fighter Debs. (Debs was unclear but al-

Led Socialists In Repudiating Class Struggle



These three leaders of the socialist party of America led in the repudiation of the class struggle by the socialist party at its recent nominating convention. In center is Norman Thomas, presidential candidate of the socialists. His running mate, James H. Maurer, is shown at the left. At right is Victor Berger.

Scandinavian Workers Organize a New Labor League

By ELLIS PETERSON

Last week there was a convention of all the Scandinavian Workers Clubs in America. The convention convened in Chicago, a city with more than 120,000 Scandinavian Workers. At this convention the Scando-American Labor League was founded. The history of this league follows:

There are more than 150,000 Scandinavian Workers organized in this country. But they are not organized for class-struggle. Their organizations are under the leadership of the Scando-American bourgeoisie. The workers were able to build up a few Scandinavian organizations, belonging to the Socialist Labor Party or the socialist party, but because of their sectarian or reformist tactics, both failed. The SP has now no influence among the Scandinavians, the SLP still has a few clubs with some 100 members altogether and a

weekly paper. The Workers (Communist) Party had its own Scandinavian Federation with about 180 members, until 1925.

Workers Clubs Grow. When the WCP decided to dissolve its federation there was a desire among the class-conscious workers to continue with some sort of Workers organization. This led to the formation of Workers Clubs, independent organizations with the class-struggle as their aim. Many of these clubs continued with a sectarian policy and could not make any headway, in fact some of them still are die-hard revolutionaries and hinder their own development into mass-organizations. Others understood at once the task of growing into mass organizations and very soon we had not only ten workers clubs, as at the beginning, but 15 and later 20. Some of the clubs grew very rapidly membership of nearly 200. Now we have

more than 20 workers clubs and four of them have over 100 members. The total membership of all the clubs runs over 1,200.

The activity of the clubs—with the Communists at the head all the time—developed more and more, and soon it was evident that a central leadership was necessary.

Call Convention. After a very thorough discussion it was decided to call a convention, and this convention now decided to form the Scando-American Labor League. Not only Workers Clubs, but even other organizations, endorsing the program of class-struggle can be admitted to membership in this Labor League.

The convention issued a manifesto to the Scando-American workers pointing out, how they under their present bourgeois leadership, have time and again surrendered their own interests to the bosses, how they have

been utilized against the American workers, even against their comrades in Sweden. The slogan of "Americanization" was accepted by the convention, meaning a closer and closer co-operation with the revolutionary American labor movement. A resolution was adopted endorsing the Labor Party, not a Third Party like the Minnesota Farmer Labor Party (there are more than 200,000 Scandinavians in Minnesota), but a real workers class party, an American Labor Party.

The Chicago-convention gave the solid foundation for a work which must be successful under the slogan: Scandinavian workers closer and closer to the fighting American Labor movement! At present only 1,200 workers are united in our Labor League, but soon we will be able to double that number. Already now we have raised the circulation of our paper, NY TID, which before the ac-

tivity of the Workers Clubs started had only 2,500 circulation and now has 5,000. Two years ago that paper was a 4-page weekly, now we publish it 6 pages weekly. And most important of all the NY TID and the workers clubs — or more correct — Communist fractions took the initiative in starting a Scando-American Workers Educational Association. This Association, which works in close cooperation with our Scando-American Labor League and the clubs, has a membership of over 20,000. There is no doubt, that we have found the way to the Scando-American masses. If we work correctly in the future, we will be able to take over the leadership of all of the Scandinavian workers, now under the control of the bourgeoisie, and mobilize them for revolutionary struggles in America, shoulder to shoulder with the American workers of all nations.

Jail Experience Has Not Awed the Miners in Lansing

By T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

LANSING, O., May 7.—This little mining town seems to be at peace with the world, and it is hard to believe that hardly more than a week ago one of the most dramatic incidents of the history of the class struggle in the United States, took place here.

Yet this peaceful atmosphere is only a mask that veils the dynamic tenseness that is the fruit of one of the most prolonged and bitterly contested struggles in the history of the American labor movement.

Grim Determination. Behind the smile there is that grim determination, the determination of men and women who may die but who never surrender.

You have but to mention the strike, the coal operators, the strike breakers, the sheriff and officials of Belmont County, the scabby national Guard under Colonel Don L. Caldwell

and last but not least, Lewis and his henchmen, and the smile gives way to a scowl.

The Lansing miners have been picketing the Mutton Hollow mine at Shady-side owned by Bill Barth and Bill Rainey. They were permitted to open the mines by the Lewis officials. The members of the Lansing local union picketed the mines and were arrested by the sheriff's force aided by Governor's Donahey's national guard.

Sex Equality. The Lansing women were not idle. They went on the picket line with their men, and the deputies and guardsmen let them have the benefit of clubs and tear gas as well as the men. Sex equality reigned supreme!

The women understood that to be effective they must organize, so they secured permission from sheriff Clark Hardesty to hold a meeting in the union hall for this purpose. But no sooner was the hall opened for busi-

ness than the sheriff appeared and arrested several of the men.

Then the women about 300 strong marched to the county jail in protest "armed" with umbrellas. It was raining. Fifty-one of them were tricked into jail by Colonel Don L. Caldwell. This part of the story has already been told.

But what was not told was the treatment accorded to those women in sheriff Clark Hardesty's "model" jail.

Would Give Up Last Bomb. Hardesty is supposed to be friendly to the miners. Indeed, he is ready to let them have his last tear gas bomb. Colonel Caldwell is also friendly and generous. The strikers are welcome to his bayonets.

"They tell me the Saint Clairsville jail is a pretty good joint as far as jails go," I observed to Mrs. John Barto, who is just as militant as her husband, the leader of the Lansing miners, or as her mother who was also a guest of the sheriff.

"I never saw such plump rats in my life," she replied, "tho some of them were dead, perhaps from over-eating. And such cockroaches! They are a credit to any jail."

Her mother chimed in. "A good jail." This was uttered with the momentum of a stone leaving a catapult.

"There was a woman ill in the jail," she continued, "and when we asked for a doctor we were insulted. But we made such a row that they had to send us a doctor. And when he came he just laughed at us."

Then it appears that the women held a council of war and decided to invite sheriff Hardesty to the bull pen to play the leading role in a "kangaroo court." The sheriff wisely declined the invitation.

Fifty-one women were crowded into a space in the county jail that was designed to accommodate only four.

Mrs. Mary Silenski, the mother of nine children, the youngest ten

months old was among the prisoners. The sheriff would not allow her baby brought in to her. He applied the same rule in the case of Mrs. Mary Kovalic. But he relented — was warned by Dr. Gadish of Wheeling to "watch his step."

Two thirteen-year-old girls spent seventy-two hours in this overcrowded jail.

Mrs. Jeannette Guynn, out on \$500 bail was not in the slightest degree awed by the display of force made by the sheriff and the national guard. Her two sons were in another wing of the Saint Clairsville jail, while she tenanted the women's section. If they had gotten her husband, the whole Guynn family would be locked up at the same time. And they were looking for him.

Mrs. Guynn insists that the women will organize despite the sheriff's efforts to prevent them from doing so. She has little respect for the sheriff's administration of "justice."